

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB.

SEASON 1901.

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JOS. McCORMACK.

Assistants—JOS. WATSON AND H. WHITTAKER.

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C. ALVES, C. BACKHOUSE, G. BACKHOUSE, C. BAHEN, A. COOPER, W. CLARKIE, C. CURTIS, J. CATHIE, A. DAVIDSON, J. DOUGLAS, L. EVANS, A. EDMONDS, W. HUGHES, M. JOHNSTONE, J. JUSTINS, F. KING, F. KANE, C. McGEORGE, B. HAY, A. LOTT, H. MANDERSON, A. McNAIR, P. MAGUIRE, W. MUDGE, R. PIRRIE, E. RUDD, T. SIGMONT, C. SIBLEY, J. SNOW, C. TAYLOR, S. TAYLOR, E. VOLLUGI, T. WARMAN, J. WRIGHT, T. WATSON, D. WATSON.

ANNUAL MEETING—THURSDAY, 20th MARCH, 1902.

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TO THE MEMBERS,—

Once again we present for your approval the Annual Report and Balance-Sheet, together with a detailed statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the past season.

PAST SEASON.

The past season has been the most successful season in the history of the Club, both from a financial and football point of view. We had a brilliant all-round team of sterling footballers, who, by their manly and honest play, won 12 matches and lost only 4, thereby placing their club second upon the premiership list of 1901. It was really very hard that, after leading for nearly the whole of the season, premiership honors should be snatched away when seemingly within our grasp, and those sturdy supporters of the old club, who have stuck so nobly to their colors in so many years of adversity, were again bitterly disappointed.

The number of goals kicked last season was 84. The goal-kickers were as follows:—J. Douglas, 13; C. Bahen, 9; R. Pirrie, 9; A. Davidson, 8; J. Cathie, 6; A. Lott, 5; M. Johnstone, 5; P. Maguire, 4; C. Taylor, 4; A. McNair, 4; C. Alves, 4; C. Backhouse, 4; T. Warman, 3; J. Snow, 2; F. Kane, 1; G. Backhouse, 1; H. Manderson, 1; W. Hughes, 1.

FINANCIAL.

We have occasion to be proud of our financial position. We started with a balance in credit of £82 ls. 2d., and wound up the season with the magnificent sum in the bank of £192 18s. 11d. Our Club is perhaps the soundest football club in either League or Association; and yet we have not spared any desirable expense, as a glance at the receipts and expenditure will show.

COMMITTEE.

We held 36 committee meetings, of which J. Stewart attended 35, F. Wright 33, C. Bahen 33, H. Slattery 33, W. Bicknell 29, J. O'Brien 29, A. McNair 29, A. Edmonds 27, P. N. Sevier 24, F. Davis 20, T. Watson 19, W. Brown 17, A. Denbert 13, E. J. Sexton 9, A. Haddrick 6, G. Beachcroft 28, J. Coverlid (Delegate) 13, and J. Asher (Vice-President) 18.

COUNTRY TRIP.

The trip given the players to Daylesford and Ballarat on July 20, 21 and 22 will never be forgotten. We were treated in a right royal fashion wherever we went. The mineral springs were visited at Daylesford, and all the sights in Ballarat inspected, having what was intended—a real good jolly holiday.

NEW DRESSING ROOM.

The new dressing room will soon be an accomplished fact. It is being built at a large cost, and every member will agree that this is a step in the right direction. It will give the players more accommodation, as well as affording space to hold smoke nights, social evenings, etc., during the cold winter months, and it will enable the members and players to mix together socially in such a manner as to do good and be of material benefit to each other and the club in general.

THANKS.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. Murray Morton and Mr. H. B. Taylor (Chemist) for the great amount of trouble they took in attending to the hurts of our players. And we also desire to sincerely and heartily thank the ladies and members for the magnificent manner in which they assisted us in our gift distribution, theatre parties, etc.

SOCIAL.

We had a happy time last season. The ladies gave the players a grand social evening in the Masonic Hall, and every one thoroughly enjoyed themselves; whilst Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Male gave the players a grand smoke night, over 200 being present, and it was voted to be one of the best nights ever organised. Mr. Geo. H. Bennett (President) took all the players in to the Opera House to a theatre party, and all had a good time—more evidence of the largeness of heart of our worthy President. The Club also held two large theatre parties at the Princess Theatre, and the amphitheatre was packed on both occasions; they afforded pleasure in two ways, viz, giving the players and members a night's enjoyment and benefitting the Club's funds to the extent of £42 14s.

DEPARTURE OF AN OLD FRIEND.

The players this season will miss one of the best friends they ever had, viz, Mr. Wm. Malone. This gentleman has decided to visit the old country for 12 months, and his jovial face, which has been following the Club for 17 years, will be sadly missed. Everyone wishes our old friend a most enjoyable holiday and a speedy and safe return.

PROSPECTS OF THE NEW SEASON.

The prospects for the coming season are really splendid. Every one of the old team are again available, eager to be in the fray, and several old players are returning to the colors of a club that is now recognised as being one of the most powerful on the Association. Let us therefore work enthusiastically and earnestly together, and there is no possible doubt whatever that we will realise the worthy ambition of every true footballer, viz, the position of Premiers of the Victorian Football Association of 1902.

On behalf of the Committee,

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGE BEACHCROFT,

Hon. Secretary.

March 20, 1902.